



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 22nd May 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.

Wearing a face covering indoors is no longer mandatory but we would encourage you to exercise discretion, especially in larger services or smaller churches.

Please respect the concerns of others in the congregation. Hand sanitizer is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

Sunday 22nd May

Richard Fergusson is giving today's sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion by Extension
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 7:00pm Ashbury APCM in Church

Wednesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 1:45pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Funeral – Alec Dickinson
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:30 am Bourton, St James
Funeral - Leslie Frederick French
- 3:15pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Messy Church
- 7:00pm Longcot, St Mary & Facebook
Holy Communion for Ascension Day
with the Benefice Choir

Friday

- 9:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Matins (BCP)

Sunday 29th May

11:00am Longcot, St Mary & Facebook
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir
followed by the Dedication of St Mary's
Community Hub

The Venerable Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester, will lead the service. The Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Mrs Marjorie Glasgow BEM, will be attending and will unveil a plaque at the official opening ceremony which follows the service.

All are welcome at the service but due to seating constraints there is a limit on numbers, so please contact Lucy Laird to book a seat.

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After the service ends there will be a 10-minute window between 12:10pm and 12:20pm for other villagers who wish to join the congregation and the Lord-Lieutenant will then formally open the Community Hub at 12.20pm. This will be an opportunity to look at the new facilities and enjoy some light refreshments. No booking is required and, again, all are welcome.

Holy Communion

As most members of our congregations know, since we returned to public worship after the first lockdown in July 2020, we have received Communion in only one kind during services of Holy Communion. It is now permissible to share the chalice again, so we have decided to offer Communion in two kinds (bread and wine) from Pentecost this year, Sunday 5th June.

The opportunity for the whole People of God to receive both bread and wine has been a crucial principle of Reformed churches since the sixteenth century; we are glad not to have to suspend this opportunity any longer. However, it's also important to know that God gives the fullness of grace in Communion, however we receive it. There is no pressure to receive the chalice if you prefer not to.

Jubilee Concert - Saturday 21st May

A few seats are still available for the concert in St Mary's Church, Longcot. More details on page 2.



Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Walnut Trees Hill in Ashbury, and Farleigh Road in Shrivenham.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Leslie Frederick French. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Jubilee Concert
with the Clarinet Collective
Saturday 21st May**

St Mary's Church Longcot at 6:30 pm
'Rose, Leek, Thistle and Shamrock'

The programme will include music from all four parts of the UK, in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

There will also be works by English composers through the ages, from Byrd and Purcell to Vaughan Williams and Elgar, and some 20th century pieces inspired by Celtic and English folk music.

At the other end of the musical spectrum are some lighter numbers, including Jack Strachey's ever popular piece 'In Party Mood', which was theme tune for BBC radio's Housewives Choice in the year of the coronation of Elizabeth II.

Admission is free with a retiring collection, but places will need to be reserved in advance by email to victorialmedcalf@gmail.com.

Profits will go to the Longcot Village Trust fund in order to support future community projects in the Village.



**Miraculous Rescue
Required**

I bought a beautiful antique Altar cloth from America. It was not very clean and in a moment of thoughtlessness

I put it in the washing machine without putting it in a protective net bag. It is shredded! Rather than act as a constant reminder of my hubris and haste, is there anyone who has the patience to try and mend it? Whoever mends it can put it in the church of their choice.

Joanna Lambert 07990 898 175

Sustainable Shrivenham

Sustainable Shrivenham are holding an online auction to raise funds for the Community Hub they are setting up in the old Lloyds Bank premises in Shrivenham High Street.

Live online from 21st – 31st May

www.jumblebee.co.uk/thehubfundraiser

St Andrew's Shrivenham
Thursday 26th May from
3:15 – 5pm

Messy Church is a church
with a difference!

A chance to be creative,
hear Bible stories,
eat yummy food and have fun with friends and family.



Suggested donation of
£1.50 per child.

To book click [here](#),
scan the QR code or email
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**Messy Church is open to
the whole Benefice.**



Wonderful Flowers!

Thank you to Shirley, Rosemary and the team who arranged the 'Rose, Leek, Thistle and Shamrock' themed flowers for the Clarinet Collective Concert in Longcot Church on Saturday 21st May.
Do call in and admire them if you're passing the church!



COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power
of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of
your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he
may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the First or Second reading.

Either Acts 16:9-15

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptised, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Or Ezekiel 37:1-14

PSALM Psalm 67

R *Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you.*

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance
and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations. **R**

[Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.]
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**

[Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.]
The earth has brought forth her
increase;
may God, our own God, give us his
blessing.
May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand
in awe of him. **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10. 22 – 22:5

A reading from the book of Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

GOSPEL

Either John 14:23-29

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Those who love me will keep my word, and my

Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Or John 5:1-9

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids – blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water
of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of
goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.

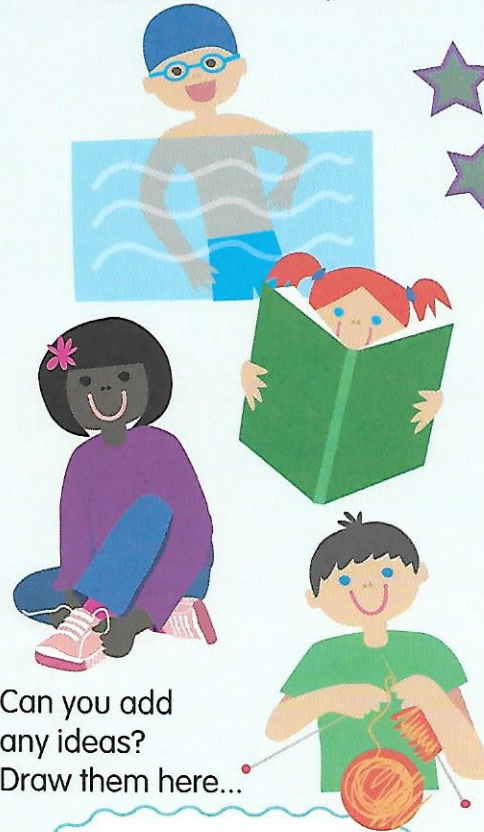


Sunday 22 May 2022
John 14:23-29
6th Sunday of Easter

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

We all need help

It is a good idea to get help. Circle the things you need help with.



Can you add any ideas?
Draw them here...



Jesus says he has to leave his friends, but he is sending a special helper to be with them. Jesus is sending the Holy Spirit. No one needs to be worried or afraid, Jesus is giving us all his peace.



This is a friend of Jesus who is worried about him leaving.

Spot the difference

How many differences can you see?



Here he is when Jesus promised to send a helper.

Can you help Sam and Miriam to play peacefully?

Sam wants to play with his car, but Miriam has it. What Sam says is important. If he is mean, they could end up fighting. If Sam says something kind they could play together peacefully. Then they will both be happy.



Choose the best thing for Sam to say to Miriam. Draw a line from the best words to Sam. Match best words to Miriam too.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for sending us your Holy Spirit. I know that I can trust you to help me. Be with me always. Amen.



What is in the parcel?

CLUE
It starts with P

Can you sort out these jumbled up letters to find out what the present is?

C E A E P

Write them in the spaces on the label and then colour the parcel.